In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A method comprising:
- checking, before a second connection between a first entity and a second entity has been requested, whether quality of service requirements of a first connection that exists between said first entity and said second entity can still be guaranteed when transmission resources for a transmission between said first entity and said second entity are jointly used by said first connection and, after establishment of said second connection, with said second connection and
- controlling the use of at least one portion of said transmission resources by said first connection, accordingly.

2. (previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said controlling the use of at least one portion of said transmission resources comprises pausing or releasing said first connection, if it is determined that said quality of service requirements of said first connection can no longer be guaranteed when said transmission resources are jointly used by said first connection and said second connection.

3. (cancelled)

4. (previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said controlling the use of at least one portion of said transmission resources comprises reducing the quality of service requirements of said first connection and changing the portion of said transmission resources that can be used by said first connection, if it is determined that said quality of service requirements of said first connection can no

longer be guaranteed when said transmission resources are jointly used by said first connection and said second connection.

5. (previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said controlling the use of at least one portion of said transmission resources comprises changing the portion of said transmission resources that can be used by said first connection, if it is determined that said quality of service requirements of said first connection can still be guaranteed when said transmission resources are jointly used by said first connection and said second connection.

6. (previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said checking and controlling are performed before said first connection and said second connection have been established.

7. (previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said checking and controlling are performed after said first connection has been established and before said second connection has been established.

8. (previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said transmission resources characterise the data transmission capabilities of said first and/or second entity.

9. (previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said checking is at least partially performed by a transmission resources control instance that interacts with said first and/or second entity.

10. (previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said transmission resources are hardware capabilities of said first or second entity, and wherein said checking comprises checking said hardware capabilities to determine if said quality of

service requirements of said first connection can still be guaranteed when said hardware capabilities for said transmission between said first entity and said second entity are jointly used by said first connection and said second connection.

11. (previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said entities are contained in a mobile station and in a network of a wireless communication system, in particular a 2G or 3G mobile radio system.

12. (previously presented) The method according to claim 11, wherein said first connection and said second connection are packet-switched and/or circuit-switched connections between said entities in said mobile station and said network.

13. (previously presented) The method according to claim 11, wherein said quality of service requirement of said first connection is a minimum bit rate.

14. (previously presented) The method according to claim 11, wherein said wireless communication system is capable of operating a Dual Transfer Mode that comprises a packet-switched connection, in particular a connection according to the General Packet Radio Service or the Enhanced General Packet Radio Service, as said first connection and a circuit-switched connection as said second connection, and wherein said checking determines whether bit rate requirements of said packet-switched connection can still be guaranteed when said transmission resources are jointly used by said packet-switched and said circuit switched connection.

15. (previously presented) The method according to claim 14, wherein said packet-switched and circuit-switched connections are provided by a radio bearer, and wherein said checking is at least partially performed by a transmission resources control instance that interacts with said first and/or second entity, and wherein in said

checking, said transmission resources control instance informs said radio bearer on the availability of said transmission resources.

16. (previously presented) The method according to claim 15, wherein said transmission resources control instance monitors the connections provided by said radio bearer and, based at least on said monitored connections and on hardware profiles of said mobile station, determines the availability of said transmission resources.

17. (cancelled)

18. (previously presented) A computer-readable medium comprising a computer program with instructions operable to cause a processor to perform the method of claim 1.

19. (cancelled)

20. (currently amended) An apparatus comprising:
- a processor configured to check, before a second connection between a first entity and a second entity has been requested, whether quality of service requirements of a first connection that exists between said first entity and said second entity can still be guaranteed when transmission resources for a transmission between said first entity and said second entity are jointly used by said first connection and, after establishment of said second connection, with said second connection and
- a controller configured to at least partially control the use of at least one portion of said transmission resources by said first connection, accordingly.

21. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 20, wherein said apparatus is a mobile station in a wireless communication system, wherein said first entity is comprised in said mobile station, and wherein said second entity is comprised in a network of said wireless communication system.

22. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 20, wherein said transmission resources characterise the data transmission capabilities of said first entity and/or said second entity.

23. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 20, wherein said processor is further configured to interact with said first entity and/or said second entity.

24. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 20, wherein said transmission resources are hardware capabilities of said first or second entity, and wherein said processor is further configured to check said hardware capabilities to determine if said quality of service requirements of said first connection can still be guaranteed when said hardware capabilities for said transmission between said first entity and said second entity are jointly used by said first connection and said second connection.

25. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 21, wherein said wireless communication system is capable of operating a Dual Transfer Mode that comprises a packet-switched connection, in particular a connection according to the General Packet Radio Service or the Enhanced General Packet Radio Service, as said first connection and a circuit-switched connection as said second connection, and wherein said processor is configured to check whether bit rate requirements of said packet-switched connection can still be guaranteed when said transmission resources are jointly used by said packet-switched and said circuit switched connection.

26. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 25, wherein said packet-switched and circuit-switched connections are provided by a radio bearer, and

wherein said processor is configured to inform said radio bearer on the availability of said transmission resources.

27. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 20, wherein said processor is configured to monitor the connections provided by said radio bearer and to determine the availability of said transmission resources, wherein said determining is at least based on said monitored connections and on hardware profiles of said first entity.

28. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 20, wherein said apparatus is a network element in a wireless communication system, wherein said first entity is comprised in a mobile station of said wireless communication system, and wherein said second entity is comprised in said network element.

29. (currently amended) An apparatus comprising:

- means for checking, before a second connection between a first entity and a second entity has been requested, whether quality of service requirements of a first connection that exists between said first entity and said second entity can still be guaranteed when transmission resources for a transmission between said first entity and said second entity are jointly used by said first connection and, after establishment of said second connection, with said second connection and
- means for at least partially controlling the use of at least one portion of said transmission resources by said first connection, accordingly.

30. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 20, wherein said controller is configured to control the use of at least one portion of said transmission resources by pausing or releasing said first connection, if it is determined that said quality of service requirements of said first connection can no longer be guaranteed when said transmission resources are jointly used by said first connection and said second

connection.

31. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 20, wherein said controller is configured to control the use of at least one portion of said transmission by reducing the quality of service requirements of said first connection and by changing the portion of said transmission resources that can be used by said first connection, if it is determined that said quality of service requirements of said first connection can no longer be guaranteed when said transmission resources are jointly used by said first connection and said second connection.

32. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 20, wherein said controller is configured to control the use of at least one portion of said transmission resources by changing the portion of said transmission resources that can be used by said first connection, if it is determined that said quality of service requirements of said first connection can still be guaranteed when said transmission resources are jointly used by said first connection and said second connection.

33. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 20, wherein said processor and said controller are configured to perform said checking and said controlling before said first connection and said second connections have been established.

34. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 20, wherein said processor and said controller are configured to perform said checking and said controlling after said first connection has been established and before said second connection has been established.

35. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 21, wherein said first connection and said second connection are packet-switched and/or circuit-switched connections between said entities in said mobile station and said network.

36. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 21, wherein said quality of service requirement of said first connection is a minimum bit rate.

37. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 20, wherein said first connection and said second connection are provided by the same bearer.

38. (previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said first connection and said second connection are provided by the same bearer.